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SUBJECT:ANTARCTICA: SOUTH KOREAN KRILL EXPEDITION TO
ANTARCTIC WATERS AND STUDY OF ANTARCTIC TREATY

1. KRILL EXPEDITION: FISHERIES ATTACHE KIM OF ROK EMBASSY

IN WASHINGTON CALLED ON DEPARTMENT'S POLAR AFFAIRS OFFICER ON JANUARY 6 TO INFORM USG THAT ROK IS PLANNING TO DISPATCH A 3000 TON VESSEL TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY AREA FOR FIVE MONTHS STARTING IN NOVEMBER, 1978. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE EXPEDITION IS TO DETERMINE THE UNIT CATCH EFFORT FOR KRILL, TO EXPERIMENT WITH KRILL PROCESSING TECHNIQUES, AND TO STUDY ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF SUCH A FISHERY. THE EXPEDITION REPORTEDLY WILL ALSO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, MARINE BIOLOGY AND THE MOVEMENT OF KRILL SCHOOLS. KIM SAID THAT MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED FORMALLY WHEN THE PLANS WERE FURTHER DEVELOPED. KIM WONDERED TO WHAT EXTENT USG WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST OR COOPERATE WITH KOREAN EXPEDITION.

2. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO KIM THAT NOT ONLY USG BUT ALSO THE OTHER ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTIES, AND EVEN ANY NON-PARTY ENGAGED IN ANTARCTIC FISHERIES, WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE EXPEDITION AND WOULD DOUBTLESS APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE INFORMATION ON IT. IN THIS REGARD, DEPARTMENT OFFICER

SUGGESTED THAT SINCE USG IS ANTARCTIC TREATY DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT, THE USG MIGHT SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY TO TRANSMIT ANY NOTES ON THE SUBJECT TO TREATY SIGNATORIES OR TO OTHERS WITH WHOM ROK HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. AS TO OTHER COOPERATION OR ASSISTANCE THAT USG MIGHT PROVIDE KOREAN KRILL EXPEDITION, KIM WAS TOLD THAT WEATHER AND ICE

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FORECASTING INFORMATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AND THAT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE EXPEDITION COULD BE RENDERED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE DEPARTMENT OFFICER SUGGESTED INFORMALLY THAT THE ROK MIGHT USEFULLY CONSIDER INVITING SCIENTISTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESEARCH PROGRAM.

3. ANTARCTIC TREATY: KIM REPORTED THAT THE ROK IS SERIOUSLY STUDYING WHETHER TO ATTEMPT TO JOIN THE "ANTYRCTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION", AND ASKED HOW USG AND OTHER TREATY PARTIES WOULD VIEW SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS INTERESTED IN THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH IN CANBERRA, AND WONDERED WHAT ROK SHOULD DO TO ATTEND, PERHAPS AS AN OBSERVER.

4. DEPARTMENT OFFICER DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE ANTARCTIC TREATY SYSTEM, INCLUDING ITS LACK OF AN "ORGANIZATION" OTHER THAN THE CONSULTATIVE SYSTEM. ALSO, THE PROVISION OF TREATY ARTICLE XIII REGARDING ACCESSION TO THE TREATY BY NON-MEMBERS OF THE UN WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION, I.E. THAT ALL CONSULTATIVE PARTIES MUST CONSENT TO AN

INVITATION TO ACCEDE. KIM WAS INFORMED THAT THE USG WOULD BE LIKELY TO CONSENT TO SOUTH KOREAN ACCESSION TO THE TREATY, ESPECIALLY IF THE COUNTRY DEMONSTRATED ITS INTEREST THROUGH ITS ACTIVITY IN THE ANTARCTIC AREA. HOWEVER, USG COULD NOT NOW JUDGE HOW OTHER CONSULTATIVE PARTIES WOULD REACT TO A BID FOR ACCESSION, ESPECIALLY THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH WHICH ROK HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE ISSUE MIGHT DEPEND, IN PART, ON HOW THE ROK DISPLAYED ITS INTEREST IN THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCE REGIME NEGOTIATIONS. IN THAT CONNECTION, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING WAS OPEN ONLY TO TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES AND THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR OBSERVERS AT SUCH MEETINGS. KIM WAS INFORMED THAT THE USG HAD PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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FERRED SOME OTHER MEANS THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED NON-TREATY PARTY PARTICIPATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS FROM THE START, BUT OTHER TREATY PARTIES HAD PREVAILED AND THE INITIAL PHASE WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN THE TREATY FORUM. KIM WAS ASSURED THAT IT WAS THE USG VIEW, AND AS FAR AS WE COULD ASCERTAIN ALSO THE VIEW OF OTHER CONSULTATIVE PARTIES, TO SUBSEQUENTLY MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A MARINE

LIVING RESOURCE REGIME INTO A BROADER FORUM TO WHICH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING NON-TREATY PARTIES, WOULD BE INVITED. THE USG WILL WORK AT THE CANBERRA MEETING TO ACHIEVE UNITY ON THIS POINT. THIS SECOND STAGE, OR "DECISIVE MEETING", AND PREPARATIONS FOR IT AFTER THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING, WOULD PROVIDE FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE INTERESTED NON-TREATY PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATION OF WHATEVER ARRANGEMENT WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES.

5. KIM EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN POLAND'S RECENT ACHIEVEMENT OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND, IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON WHAT POLAND IS DOING, WAS GIVEN A COPY OF POLAND'S REPORT OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN THE ANTARCTIC FOR 1977-78. THE FINAL REPORT OF THE JULY SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING AND RECOMMENDATIONS IX-2 ON ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING HAD BEEN FURNISHED TO HIM EARLIER. VANCE

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